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GERMANS SMASH DOBRUDJA LINES; MACIN CAPTURED

Bridgehead's Fall Virtual-
ly Clears Province—Im-
perils Braila and Galatz

RUSSIANS FLEE INTO FORTS OF FOCSANI

Falkenhayn Menaces Key
to Sereth Line—Rumi-
ans Repulse von Gerck

London, Jan. 3.—The Teutonic troops
virtually have cleared the Dobrudja,
and in Rumania proper have driven the
Russians back on the last defenses of
Focsani, key to the Sereth line on the
southwest.

Sakharoff's resistance in the Dobrud-
ja almost collapsed yesterday, and the
Bulgars and Germans poured through
the enemy lines for big advances. The
villages of Lunavitz, Jijila and finally
Macin succumbed, according to the Ger-
man night statement. The Russians
were hurried back to the extreme north-
western corner of the province, oppo-
site Galatz.

This successful movement virtually
rends the tenuous straggly line of the
great Rumanian granary. The eastern
end of the Macin-Braila bridge is
now in the hands of Mackensen's forces
and the enemy's guns are shelling the
town from two sides.

Galatz is now exposed to the same
peril from the east that has threatened
Braila for days. The fall of these two
positions, coupled with that of Focsani,
will imperil the entire Sereth line of
defense and may open the way for a
German invasion of Bessarabia, with
Odessa as the goal.

On the western wing of the Ruman-
ian front Mackensen was less success-
ful, though substantial advances were
made at several points. Along the Mo-
lde frontier, von Gerck's troops
captured several heights and two vil-
lages—Barseci and Topesci.

In the region north of Ramnicu-
sarat the Russians were thrown back,
the villages of Pintesci and Mera
were taken by storm and the troops of
the Ninth Army drove up to the fort-
ified positions of the enemy at Focsani.
Four hundred Russians were taken
prisoners in this operation.

It seems probable now that the stub-
born Russian retreat will culminate in
a decisive pitched battle before Focsani.

War Office Versions
of Drive in Rumania
Petrograd, Jan. 3.—To-day's offi-
cial report says:

On the Moldavian frontier the enemy
twice assumed the offensive, on the
sector extending from the village of
Kotumba to as far as the valley of the
River Suleha and south beyond that
point, but everywhere was repulsed.
In this region we regained a portion
of the trenches lost by us yesterday
on one of the heights.

On the Rumanian front the Ru-
manians are conducting attacks north
of the Casin River, five miles east of
the Hungarian frontier. The enemy in
the morning attacked the Rumanians
east of Sapokan, on the upper reaches
of the River Suchitza, but was beaten
back and pursued by cavalry.

The enemy withdrew in a westerly
direction. During the day he resumed
his attacks with superior forces and
pressed back the Rumanians to their
former position.

Under cover of a drumfire bombard-
ment with shells containing asphyxiat-
ing gas the enemy in close formation
attacked along the railway southwest
of Focsani a portion of one of our
regiments. Being met with our well
directed fire, the enemy hastily retired
to his trenches and did not attempt a
further attack.

One of our rifle regiments took by
assault the village of Gulianka, south-
west of the River Romicu, and cap-
tured six officers, two surgeons, 205 men,
five machine guns and eight machine guns.
The villages of Klotenu and Makteni
were also captured. The enemy de-
tachments which were occupying these
villages were thrust back southward.

In the Dobrudja the enemy through-
out the day made a number of attacks
in the region of Macin. He was re-
pulsed and hastily retired.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—This afternoon's
official report says:

Front of Archduke Joseph.—Strong
hostile attacks against Mount Faltu-
canu failed with heavy losses. Between
the Suchitza and Putna valleys several
heights were captured by storm and
hand-to-hand fighting. Russian and
Rumanian counter attacks were re-
pulsed. Barseci and Topesci were oc-
cupied after an engagement.

Front of Field Marshal von Macken-
sen.—Our movements are proceeding
further, as planned. In the mountains
between the Zabala Valley and the
plain German and Austro-Hungarian
troops pushed back the enemy toward
the northeast. West and south of
Focsani troops of the 9th Army group
now standing before the fortified posi-
tion of the Russians. Pintesci and
Mera, on the Milcov, were taken by
storm and hand-to-hand fighting. Four
hundred prisoners were brought in.

In Dobrudja the Russians, despite
their tenacious resistance, have been
pushed back further toward Vasareni
and Jijila and into Macin.

Russian Position Hopeless
in Dobrudja, Berlin Says
Berlin, Jan. 3 (by wireless to Say-
ville).—Regarding the present situa-
tion in Rumania the Overseas News
Agency military critic says:

"The position of the Russians, under
Sakharoff, pressed into the northwest
corner of Dobrudja, is becoming more
hopeless every day. The allied Bul-
garian, Turkish and German forces
are pushing back the Russians from
one position after another.

"The tenacious defence by the Ru-
sians is sufficient to prove the im-
portance of the Macin bridgehead.
The winding Danube here forms a
three-quarter segment of a circle on
the periphery of which are Macin,
Braila, Galatz, Rani and Ratchela.

Fighting Over Swamps
"The ground is mostly swampy, and
into it project two necks of land for a
considerable distance, the neck of
Orlega, which rises to a height of 120
yards, and that of Bugucu, to ninety
yards. The Orlega neck dominates
Braila from the rear, while the Bu-
gucu neck is only three miles from
Galatz. At a distance of ten miles is
the Russian railroad terminal point at
Rani.

"The Russians, who were pushed
back on Macin on January 1, now
have, in addition to some routes of
no importance, at their disposal only
the dam road from Macin to Braila
and the road on the height from
Bugucu to Achiailu, which leads over
marshy ground."

Germans Fail to Hold
Lines Seized in Galicia
London, Jan. 3.—The activity of the
Russian and German infantry in
Galicia is increasing. Following a fu-
rious bombardment of the Russian po-
sitions in the villages of Batkuv,
Mannuv and Garbusov yesterday, the
Teutons took the offensive along this
whole front and succeeded in breaking
into the Russian trenches. A counter
attack thrust them back to their former
lines.

There were many aerial encounters
during the day. One German machine
was felled by the Russian artillery in
Volhynia, while two others were
brought down and their occupants
killed in battles with Russian airmen.

COL. HOUSE SEES WILSON ON PEACE

Arrival Coincident with
Report That Teutons
Reveal Terms

FOREIGN SITUATION KNOWN TO ADVISOR

Entente Reply to President
Will Dwell on War
Prevention

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 3.—Coincident with
the receipt here to-day of confidential
advice giving the broad outlines of
the Entente reply to President Wil-
son's note proposing a discussion of
peace terms, Colonel E. M. House, the
President's friend and adviser, arrived
at the White House. The colonel's last
visit was followed by the dispatch of
the President's note.

At the same time press dispatches
from London told of a speech by Count
Julius Andrássy, former Premier of
Hungary, stating that the Central
Powers had given or would give Presi-
dent Wilson a statement of their peace
terms, and that the Entente Allies could
obtain them from him.

Officials at the White House and the
State Department would not discuss
these developments further than to say
definitely that no further move on the
part of the American government would
be determined until the Entente reply
was received. It was said that the
President still had his mind open on
the question.

Secrecy Maintained
It was not disclosed whether the
Administration considers that the un-
favorable action of the Entente has
left the way open for the confidential
exchange of terms between the oppos-
ing groups of nations. In view of the
delicate nature of the negotiations, ex-
treme secrecy is being observed by the
few officials in close touch with the
situation.

Both in German and Entente circles
pessimism over the outlook was ex-
pressed. The President, however, was
understood to think that the moves
already made will be helpful ultimate-
ly, regardless of the immediate con-
sequences.

Preliminary information received

here indicated that the Entente note
will pay more attention to the Presi-
dent's suggestion that means be found
for preserving peace in the future than
did the reply of the Central Powers,
which suggested postponement of this
question until after the present war.

Colonel House has kept in very close
touch with all developments in the sit-
uation. Through his two visits to Eu-
rope since the war began, he is con-
sidered by the Administration to have
a complete knowledge of the many
cross-currents operating for and against
peace in the several nations at war.

It is generally expected that after re-
ceipt of the reply of the Entente Allies
President Wilson will communicate
again with both sides.

Two Testify That Mechanism Could
Have Caused Blaze After Murder
Ossipee, N. H., Jan. 3.—Testimony
about mechanical contrivances for
starting a fire at a stated time figured
prominently in the trial to-day of Fred-
erick L. F. Small, charged with the
murder of his wife, Florence A. Small.

The state alleges that an arrange-
ment of electric wires, spark plugs and
gasoline or kerosene was employed
with clockwork to cause the burning
of the Small cottage to conceal the
manner in which Mrs. Small was killed,
and that the device was timed to start
the fire some hours after Small had
left the house.

Edwin S. Thompson, an electrician,
and Dr. Bartley A. Carleton, both of
whom searched the ruins, were ques-
tioned about articles found there that
might have been part of a fire-setting
mechanism. Dr. Carleton answered in
the affirmative a hypothetical question
as to whether he could time the start
of a fire with a certain combination
of materials.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON TIGRIS
London Reports Progress on Mesop-
otamian Front Despite Heavy Rains

London, Jan. 3.—Some further pro-
gress has been made by the British on
the Tigris front, where offensive opera-
tions recently were resumed after a
long period of quiet during the hot
weather. The following official report
from this front was given out here
to-day:

"Since December 26 operations on
the Tigris front have been impeded by
heavy rain, which has fallen almost
daily and reduced the ground to a
morass. In spite of these adverse con-
ditions further progress has been made
on the right bank of the Tigris, east
and northeast of Kut-el-Amara."

DANGER TO SWISS ALARMS FRENCH

Drive by the Germans
Through the Alps Is Pre-
dicted in Paris

DEMANDS BRITISH TAKE OVER MORE LINE

Gustave Herve Says Ni-
velle Needs Troops for
"Army of Manoeuvre"

By FRED B. PITNEY
(By Cable to The Tribune)

Paris, Jan. 3.—The possibility of a
German invasion of Switzerland is as-
suming more and more the aspect of
probability, in the French view.

Gustave Herve, in "Victoire" this
morning, devotes a leader to the subject,
calling on Great Britain to take over
more of the French battle line in the
west, so that French troops may be
liberated to form an army of manoeuvre
ready to strike at any needed point.

M. Herve points out that Germany
has called up the class of 1915, giving
her 600,000 more troops for the army,
while her civil mobilization will lib-
erate from 500,000 to 2,000,000 more
men for service in the rear or on the
flank line. This is Germany's supreme
effort, and she has undertaken it with-
out delay.

"At what point are they likely to
strike?" queries M. Herve. "First,
there is Russia, Hindenburg's pet ob-
jective, but the weather would prevent
an effective campaign before April on
the Russian front. Next there is Sal-
onica, but Germany has only one rail-
road line to bring up supplies for a
Salonica campaign, and railroads have
always been Hindenburg's chief tools.

"Austria has been too severely
mauled by Italy to make an offensive
against the latter look successful,
while the same thing is true of the
great German attempt at Verdun.
"There remains the violation of Swiss
neutrality in an endeavor to turn
either the French or Italian lines.
There is no reason to think that the

people who violated Belgium would
hesitate to expose Switzerland to the
same fate. Thus, attacking France
through Switzerland, the Germans
might expect to get half way through
the latter country before meeting real
resistance, while it would also be much
easier and more practicable to reach
France than Italy by way of the Alps."

Reasoning in this strain, M. Herve
calls for the immediate formation of a
great French army of manoeuvre. He
points to the Verdun offensive launched
by the Germans at the end of February

last year, and says that this year,
pushed by hunger and internal unrest,
the enemy is likely to start his drive
at the beginning of February. "For the
Allies every day counts as weeks," he
concludes.

JURORS HEAR COAL DEALERS
Four Before Body Continue Price In-
quiry Here
Four coal dealers were yesterday
called before the Federal grand jury

in its investigation in this city into
the high price of coal. The jury was
sworn in yesterday morning by Judge
Learned Hand, and its first act was to
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